

absolutely everything we can to see that we control the application of fertilizer and also control the data that is being processed to see what is actually going on. I think we have everything in place that we need. We really don't need the state to be riding herd over our NRD's and say go do your work, go do your work. They are going to do it. If they don't, I'm sure that the next election will take care of it. So, therefore, I support the kill motion. I think we spent enough time on this issue the other day. I'm not going to go through all the reasons why I feel that this legislation is not needed. One thing I might mention, it's not all in the areas where leaching is supposed to be occurring of nitrogen fertilizer. We have a lot of places in the state where we don't know where it's coming from. So, therefore, I think we are wasting our time on this issue at this time. If we can't handle it in a couple of years, why perhaps then we will have to get tough. But if we can't handle it then, we're in deep trouble. I'd rather see us, who are involved in it, try to solve our own problem. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Howard Peterson.

SENATOR H. PETERSON: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature, I would rise to support the kill motion. I've put out, at your desk today, a summary of the Hall County study. I hold that in my hand. That is a February 1, 1984, study on this particular problem, the work of five years. As I indicated on the floor, I just want this group on this floor to know that the NRD's are doing something about this problem. They are concerned about it. We certainly don't need the environmental control group and everybody else involved on a state level. Let's let the NRD's solve the problem.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Rex Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I rise to support the kill motion. As the research that has been done in my office, and I can verify what I say, according to the Environmental Protection Agency at the present time there is no practical way to quantify